

# INAUGURAL GEORGETOWN TREK FOR TOURETTE RAISES \$3K

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The Halton Hills community came out in support of Georgetown's first Trek for Tourette last weekend, with \$3,000 raised for the cause.

About 100 people turned out for the inaugural five-kilometre walk on March 24, which kicked off at the Furnace Room Brewery and made its way through local streets.

The event was spearheaded by local couple Ellen Howard and Todd Ford-King, along with friend An-



Ellen Howard photo Georgetown's Todd Ford-King, wife Ellen Howard and children (from left) Jackson, 6 and Grayson, 4, gear up for the inaugural Trek for Tourette on March 24. Grayson was recently diagnosed with the condition.

drea Butt, who have children diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome.

Funds raised will be donated to Tourette Canada for its programs, which include free workshops for students and teachers and

virtual support groups for individuals with Tourette's syndrome and their families.

"We also created a dialogue in our communities and raised awareness about Tourette's syndrome," said Howard. "We have received messages from complete strangers with words of support and encouragement."

The event was supported by the Tim Hortons at 326 Guelph St., which provided coffee, hot chocolate and Timbits, the Furnace Room Brewery with the use of its facility and donation of \$250, and the Kennedy family, which donated pizza and cake for all walkers.

"We have been reminded of what an amazing support group there is in our community," said Howard. "We are really looking forward to next year's walk and have met many families who will be joining us in our trek."

For more information, visit [www.tourette.ca](http://www.tourette.ca).

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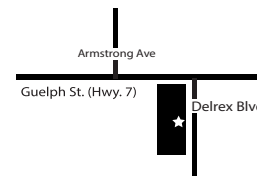


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